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	A2	US 2002/0099389 A1	07/25/02	Michler et al.	606	139	03/21/02
	A3	US 2002/0128680 A1	09/12/02	Pavlovic	606	200	01/23/02
	A4	US 2002/0183786 A1	12/05/02	Girton	606	213	05/30/01
	A5	US 2002/0183787 A1	12/05/02	Wahr et al.	606	213	06/01/01
	A6	US 2003/0045893 A1	03/06/03	Ginn	606	151	09/06/01
	A7	US 2003/0050665 A1	03/13/03	Ginn	606	215	09/07/01
	A8	3,874,388	04/01/75	King et al.	128	334 R	02/12/73
	A9	4,007,743	02/15/77	Blake	128	334 R	10/20/75
	A10	4,836,204	06/06/89	Landymore et al.	128	334 R	07/06/87
	A11	4,985,014	01/15/91	Orejola	600	16	07/11/89
	A12	5,030,199	07/09/91	Barwick et al.	600	29	12/11/89
	A13	5,041,129	08/20/91	Hayhurst et al.	606	232	07/02/90
	A14	5,042,976	08/27/91	Ishitsu et al.	604	96	01/12/88
	A15	5,057,114	10/15/91	Wittich et al.	606	127	09/18/90
	A16	5,073,166	12/17/91	Parks et al.	609	93	02/15/89
	A17	5,108,420	04/28/92	Marks	606	213	02/01/91
	A18	5,112,310	05/12/92	Grobe	604	175	02/06/91
	A19	5,190,528	03/02/93	Fonger et al.	604	171	10/19/90
	A20	5,192,301	03/09/93	Kamiya et al.	606	213	09/03/91
	A21	5,284,488	02/08/94	Sideris	606	213	12/23/92
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	A27	5,451,235	09/19/95	Lock et al.	606	213	04/14/94
	A28	5,507,811	04/16/96	Koike et al.	623	11	11/15/94
	A29	5,540,712	07/30/96	Kleshinski et al.	606	198	06/01/94
	A30	5,545,138	08/13/96	Fugoso et al.	604	102	02/28/94
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	A32	5,578,045	11/26/96	Das	606	151	08/02/94
	A33	5,634,936	06/03/97	Linden et al.	606	213	02/06/95
	A34	5,683,411	11/04/97	Kavteladze et al.	606	200	04/06/95
	A35	5,702,421	12/30/97	Schneidt	606	213	01/11/96
	A36	5,709,707	01/20/98	Lock et al.	606	213	11/19/96
	A37	5,720,754	02/24/98	Middleman et al.	606	127	04/28/95
	A38	5,725,552	03/10/98	Kotula et al.	606	213	05/14/96
	A39	5,733,294	03/31/98	Forber et al.	606	151	02/28/96
	A40	5,741,297	04/21/98	Simon	606	213	08/28/96
	A41	5,746,765	05/05/98	Kleshinski et al.	606	198	05/17/96
	A42	5,776,162	07/07/98	Kleshinski	606	198	01/03/97
	A43	5,868,753	02/09/99	Schatz	606	108	11/13/95
	A44	5,879,366	03/09/99	Shaw et al.	606	213	12/20/96
	A45	5,895,404	04/20/99	Ruiz	606	185	09/29/97
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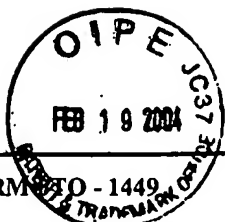
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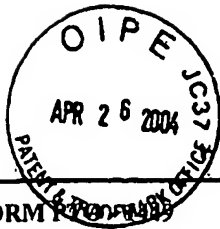
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	A50	5,976,174	11/02/99	Ruiz	606	213	12/15/97
	A51	6,007,558	12/28/99	Ravenscroft et al.	606	200	09/25/98
	A52	6,024,756	02/15/00	Huebsch et al.	606	213	12/22/98
	A53	6,030,007	02/29/00	Bassily et al.	289	1.5	07/07/97
	A54	6,030,405	02/29/00	Zarbatany et al.	606	191	06/25/98
	A55	6,056,760	05/02/00	Koike et al.	606	148	01/30/98
	A56	6,080,182	06/27/00	Shaw et al.	606	213	12/19/97
	A57	6,086,610	07/11/00	Duerig et al.	623	1	10/22/96
	A58	6,117,159	09/12/00	Huebsch et al.	606	213	12/22/98
	A59	6,129,755	10/10/00	Mathis et al.	623	1.15	01/09/98
	A60	6,149,664	11/21/00	Kurz	606	194	08/27/98
	A61	6,171,329 B1	01/09/01	Shaw et al.	606	213	08/28/98
	A62	6,174,322 B1	01/16/01	Schneidt	606	213	07/31/98
	A63	6,206,907 B1	03/27/01	Marino et al.	606	215	05/07/99
	A64	6,214,029 B1	04/10/01	Thill et al.	606	213	04/26/00
	A65	6,221,092 B1	04/24/01	Koike et al.	606	213	03/30/99
	A66	6,290,674 B1	09/18/01	Roue et al.	604	107	11/22/99
	A67	6,312,446 B1	11/06/01	Huebsch et al.	606	213	09/12/00
	A68	6,342,064 B1	01/29/02	Koike et al.	606	213	12/22/99
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	A72	6,375,671 B1	04/23/02	Kobayashi et al.	606	213	04/17/00		
	A73	6,379,368 B1	04/30/02	Corcoran et al.	606	153	05/13/99		
	A74	6,440,152 B1	08/27/02	Gainor et al.	606	213	07/28/00		
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	C2	"The Puncture Needle as Guidewire: Needle Guide Technique for Percutaneous Nephrostomy," by Irvin F. Hawkins, Jr., M.D., et al., Seminars in Interventional Radiology, vol. 4, No. 2, June 1987, pp. 126-130.							
	C3	"PFO and Stroke: The Hidden Connection," by Paul Kramer, MD, Endovascular Today, http://www.endovasculartoday.com/02_current/10.html , printed 10/09/03.							
	C4	"The Puncture Technique: A New Method of Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale," by Carlos E. Ruiz, M.D., Ph.D., et al., Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions, vol. 53, 2001, pp. 369-372.							
	C5	"New Transseptal Puncture Technique for Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale," by Robert J. Sommer, M.D., et al., Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York, publication date unknown, but believed to be June 2002 or earlier.							
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	A76	2002/0120323 A1	08/29/02	Thompson et al.	623	1.11	09/17/01		
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	A79	5,997,562	12/7/99	Zadno-Azizi et al.	606	194	3/24/98		
	A80	6,206,921	3/27/01	Marino et al.	606	215	5/7/99		
	A81	6,322,548	11/27/01	Payne et al.	604	500	3/31/98		
	A82	6,712,804	3/30/04	Roue et al.	604	500	7/13/01		
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MTA	C7	Communication Relating to the Results of the Partial International Search, International Application No. PCT/US03/28532, mailed on January 4, 2004.							
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	A87	4,394,864	Sandhaus	128	843	4/15/81
	A88	4,515,583	Sorich	604	22	10/17/83
	A89	4,800,890	Cramer	600	434	12/26/85
	A90	5,049,153	Nakao <i>et al.</i>	606	151	6/26/90
	A91	5,171,259	Inoue	606	213	10/17/91
	A92	5,304,185	Taylor	606	147	11/4/92
	A93	5,336,252	Cohen	607	119	6/22/92
	A94	5,486,185	Freitas <i>et al.</i>	606	142	6/28/91
	A95	5,601,575	Measamer <i>et al.</i>	606	147	10/6/94
	A96	5,713,908	Jameel <i>et al.</i>	606	148	2/24/97
	A97	5,827,216	Igo <i>et al.</i>	604	21	6/7/95
	A98	5,836,311	Borst <i>et al.</i>	128	897	9/29/95
	A99	5,885,238	Stevens <i>et al.</i>	604	6.14	5/30/95
	A100	5,927,284	Borst <i>et al.</i>	128	898	8/21/97
	A101	6,015,378	Borst <i>et al.</i>	600	37	10/3/96
	A102	6,142,975	Jalisi <i>et al.</i>	604	170	12/31/98
	A103	6,152,918	Padilla <i>et al.</i>	606	15	4/9/98
	A104	6,162,202	Sicurelli <i>et al.</i>	604	272	10/26/98
	A105	6,200,313	Abe <i>et al.</i>	606	34	5/1/97
	A106	6,254,550	McNamara <i>et al.</i>	600	585	8/19/99

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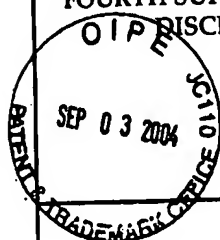


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	A109	6,328,688	12/11/01	Borst <i>et al.</i>	600	37	1/28/00
	A110	6,332,877	12/25/01	Michels	604	263	5/12/98
	A111	6,334,843	1/1/02	Borst <i>et al.</i>	600	37	1/28/00
	A112	6,336,898	1/8/02	Borst <i>et al.</i>	600	37	1/28/00
	A113	6,350,229	2/26/02	Borst <i>et al.</i>	600	37	1/28/00
	A114	6,364,826	4/2/02	Borst <i>et al.</i>	600	37	6/16/99
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	A116	6,371,906 B1	4/16/02	Borst <i>et al.</i>	600	37	1/28/00
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	A124	6,652,486 B2	11/25/03	Bialecki <i>et al.</i>	604	110	9/27/01
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	C9	Hansen. (June) Metals that Remember, Science 81:44-47.							
	C10	Kotan, C. et al. (2001) Diameter and Pressure of the Water-Jet for Liver Resection, Easter J. Med., 6(2): 43-47							
	C11	Protsenko et al., (2003) Electrosurgical tissue resection: a numerical and experimental Study, Proceedings of SPIE, Vol. 4954:64-70							
	C12	Ruiz et al. (2001) The Puncture Technique: A New Method for Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale, Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions 53:369-372.							
	C13	Szili-Torok et al. (2001) Transseptal left heart catheterisation guided by intracardiac echocardiography, Heart 86:e11.							
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	A135	UA2003/0059640	3/27/03	Marton <i>et al.</i>	428	544	8/2/02
	A136	UA2003/0100920	5/29/03	Akin <i>et al.</i>	606	213	9/4/02
	A137	UA2003/0139819	7/24/03	Beer <i>et al.</i>	623	23	1/18/02
	A138	UA2003/0195530	10/16/03	Thill	606	151	4/21/03
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	A142	5,810,884	9/22/98	Kim	606	213	5/19/97
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	A144	5,861,003	1/19/99	Latson <i>et al.</i>	606	213	10/23/96
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	A146	5,993,475	11/30/99	Lin <i>et al.</i>	606	213	4/22/98
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	A148	6,113,609	9/5/00	Adams	606	139	5/26/98
	A149	6,270,515	8/7/01	Koike <i>et al.</i>	606	213	2/26/97
	A150	6,387,104	5/14/02	Pugsley, Jr. <i>et al.</i>	606	139	11/12/99
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	A154	6,551,344	4/22/03	Thill	606	213	1/12/01		
	A155	6,596,013	7/22/03	Yang <i>et al.</i>	606	215	9/20/01		
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	B9	WO 9918870	4/22/99	PCT			10/9/98	N	Y
	B10	WO 9918871	4/22/99	PCT			10/9/98	N	Y
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	A158	4,006,747	02/08/77	Kronenthal et al.			
	A159	4,425,908	01/17/84	Simon			
	A160	4,696,300	09/29/87	Anderson			
	A161	4,915,107	04/10/90	Rebuffat et al.			
	A162	5,021,059	06/04/91	Kensey, et al.			
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	A164	5,222,974	06/29/93	Kensey et al.			
	A165	5,236,440	08/17/93	Hlavacek			
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	A167	5,282,827	02/01/94	Kensey et al.			
	A168	5,304,184	04/19/94	Hathaway et al.			
	A169	5,312,435	05/17/94	Nash et al.			
	A170	5,354,308	10/11/94	Simon et al.			
	A171	5,411,481	05/02/95	Allen et al.			
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	A173	5,417,699	05/23/95	Klein et al.			
	A174	5,478,353	12/26/95	Yoon			
	A175	5,507,811	04/16/96	Koike et al.			
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	A186	5,989,268	11/23/99	Pugsley, Jr. et al.			
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	A188	6,010,517	01/04/00	Baccaro			
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	A190	6,079,414	06/27/00	Roth			
	A191	6,113,609	09/05/00	Adams			
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	A193	6,165,183	12/26/00	Kuehn et al.			
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	A202	6,306,150	10/23/01	Levinson			
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	A209	6,379,342	04/30/02	Levinson			
	A210	6,387,104	05/14/02	Pugsley, Jr., et al.			
	A211	6,398,796	06/04/02	Levinson			
	A212	6,460,749	10/08/02	Levinson et al.			
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	A214	2001/0034537	10/25/01	Shaw et al.			
	A215	2001/0044639	11/22/01	Levinson			
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